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## Title: PAYMENT RELEASE SYSTEM

## **AMENDEMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the March 10, 2009 Final Office Action (“Office Action”). A Notice of Appeal was filed on June 10, 2009. A response was due August 10, 2009 or the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time to respond is submitted herewith. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee is submitted herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested.

The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the Claims; and
2. Remarks.